



'Long Count' for Fighting Yanks Keeps American League Race in Dizzy Tangle

Win, Lose or Draw

By FRANCIS E. STAN.

Rating Washington as a Sports Town

Notes to you... The Variety Club's cut on the Armstrong-Furr show won't buy that dental clinic for the underprivileged (cost, \$7,000), but it will help toward it, and the Variety boys are of a mind to go into hook for about \$4,500.

What we are trying to say is that, all things taken into account, the \$20,444 gross for the Armstrong-Furr bout wasn't half bad. ... If ever a promotion survived heavy going, it was this battle. ... There was all that early on-again, off-again publicity. ... Then, too, Furr never was a ranking welterweight contender, and as a potential winner he never was taken very seriously because shortly before the Armstrong bout he had been beaten by one Wild Bill McDowell and a person named Cocoa Kid.

Inexperienced promoters staged the show. ... It might have drawn \$10,000 more on another date. ... But as things turned out, it was a fine evening's entertainment and an enjoyable card, and up to now nobody has asked for his money back. ... Most of all, the Variety Club probably did more to erase that Jeffra-Archibald stigma and put boxing back on its feet than anything since that Awful Night.

Leonard in Doghouse With Clubhouse Boys

The talk around the Washington clubhouse these days—we know the Nats have been away for a couple of weeks, but aren't the clubhouse boys, who know things, still there? ... That is, if Lewis is not carrying a gun in a training camp to which he is not accustomed.

The latest Thumbs-Down guy in the books of the locker boys in the Nationals' clubhouse is, of all people, Dutch Leonard. ... He demands more attention than anybody on the club since he won those 20 games last year. ... One of the funkeys says, "and trying to squeeze a dime out of him is like trying to get blood out of a turnip."

An anonymous fan, who must know things, offers a Cleveland Cry-Baby team to end all boo-hoo club clubs. ... "Vitt for manager," he says, "and, in addition to Feller, Harder, Hemley, Trasky, Chapman, Keltner, Allen, Heath and a few others, I offer Earl Whitehill, Wes Ferrell, Ted Williams, Joe Glenn, George Case and Dizzy Dean.

Newsman Rooting for Terry to Go to Cleveland

Lt. Col. Harvey L. Miller of the United States Marines, secretary of the National Boxing Association and secretary and No. 1 guy of the District Boxing Commission, is advising Maynard Daniels, one of his Leathernecks, to quit fighting. ... That first-round knockout of Daniels by 19-year-old Buddy Moore the other night finally convinced Heinie that Maynard is not another Terry.

Rumors from New York persist in ousting Bill Terry as manager of the Giants. ... They say that Willoughby has been having a few differences with his angel, who is young Horace Stoneham, president of the club, and that Leo Biondi never did like Terry. ... Leo is a major stockholder, as well as one of the club executives. ... New York newspapermen gleefully are campaigning, on the semi-q. t., for Cleveland to land Terry as the next manager. ... Their slogan is: "The Indians and Terry deserve each other."

Jim Castiglia, Georgetown's blocking back, thinks that Ernie Pinckert of the Redskins is the best football player alive, which may not be far from the truth. ... "He's terrific," says Castiglia, "and as far as I can see, the Redskins will be in bad shape the day he hangs up his helmet." ... Allowing for Mr. Castiglia's natural tendency to appreciate blocking backs, we still wonder if James hasn't been the first guy to say what a lot of other people either have refused to say or have studiously ignored.

Will Bucky Harris Be Back With Nats?

The all-time high in attendance in the American League was reached in 1924, which was when Boy Wonder Bucky Harris piloted the Senators to a pennant in a bang-up, rough-and-tumble fight. ... But according to word from American League President Will Harridge's office that record will be broken with something to spare before next Sunday, September 29. ... It is interesting to note that in 1924 it was the wrecking of a Yankee regime, which lasted three years, that helped to set the record. ... History repeats, etc., although the Yanks, after winning that double-header from the Harrismen yesterday, still are in the fight.

Speaking of the Nats, what are the odds against Harris' being named manager again for 1941? ... His seventh-place finish this season will be the worst effort Bucky's ever turned in and they are saying there is nothing to the story that Harris will be offered Joe McCarthy's job at New York. ... Usually, Harris' renomination by President Clark Griffith is taken for granted, so far, it hasn't been this year. ... It is fashionable to speculate, at this time, what Joe Cronin and his Red Sox would have done had Ken Chase, Sid Hudson and Dutch Leonard been wearing Boston uniforms.

From the Elm Ridge Country Club, Dorval, P. Q., Canada, comes a message from Redvers Mackenzie, coach of the Washington Hockey League. ... "Paul Courteau was rejected by the medical board as, apparently, he has a very weak eye, though the goal-tenders in our league do not subscribe to that theory. Paul has signed a playing card and will return to the Eagles."

Softy Hurler Wins, Bows in 2-1 Tilt

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Pat Patrick, 30th-year pitcher, won and lost the same game, 2 to 1. He hurled for both teams. During the season he played on each team in different leagues, so when they finally opposed each other he didn't leave the mound. He pitched 16 innings, giving five hits to the winners and seven to the losers. P. S.—He didn't bat against himself.

Zola and Tarleton Gain Tennis Tourney Final

Before rain started falling, Ben Zola, former Georgetown University athlete, and Mahlon Tarleton had been scheduled to meet this afternoon for the tennis singles championship of Garfield Playground. They probably will play tomorrow. Both won their semifinal matches yesterday in straight sets, Zola defeating Tom Hodges, 7-5, 6-2, and Tarleton whipping Bob Lilly, 10-8, 6-3.

Tunney's \$15,000 Bid for Piece of Comiskey Spurned

Pat 5-7 Choice Over Baer; Stuhldreher Having His Football Troubles at Wisconsin

By EDDIE BRIETZ, Associated Press Sports Writer. NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Out of the question box: Is it news that Gene Tunney offered \$15,000 for a piece of Pat Comiskey a couple of months back? And Bill Daley wouldn't sell? Are you surprised to hear your Yankees, who were laid to rest with full ceremonies only two days ago, are now only 4 to 1 to cop from both the Tigers and the Cry Babies? What's this about old Harry Stuhldreher having his troubles already at Wisconsin, early as it is? What with Don Kolbus dropping football for the year and Hal Rooney still nursing that bad knee.

Which is making Maxie giggle plenty. And Andl Hoffman, who is as careless with his co-conspirators as he is with his right arm, has just bet 10 G's on his Max to put the crusher on Pat. If the Reds hit the 100 mark in the games—won column (they're 96 now) they'll be the first to ring the bell in the National League since the Cubs went into triple figures with their hair-raising 21-game string in '35. With Challenor out of the New York Handicap at Belmont October 5, Alf Vanderbilt'll have to hustle plenty to find something to stem up the race. No. 52 in the 1938 Clemson squad, Gene Flatman, still is No. 52—but he's sporting it at Navy, where he's rated a grade A line prospect, all 250 pounds of him. Today's guest star—Billy Stepp, Portland Oregonian: "Bill Terry has a complex against Lefty

Bengal Twin Bill Today Could Tie Struggle Again

Browns Check Indians; Sox's 3 Homers in Row Equal Record

By JUDSON BAILEY, Associated Press Sports Writer.

The famous "long count" given Gene Tunney one night in Chicago has nothing on the long count the New York Yankees are getting these days.

Ever since July 4, the baseball experts have been counting over the four-times world champions. Some days they count them out and some days they count them in.

This is one of the days for counting them in, because they have won six successive contests and the American League struggle is so tight that it would be possible by sundown tonight for Detroit and Cleveland to be tied again and the Yankees be in third place only one game behind. They now stand:

Table with 4 columns: Club, Won, Lost, Pct., G.B.* T.P.**

*Games behind. **Games to play. The Yankees whipped the Washington Senators twice yesterday, 6-5 and 9-4, while the Indians dropped a 7-2 decision to the St. Louis Browns and Detroit was kept idle because of rain.

Play Potent Double-Header.

The Tigers must play a double-header with the Chicago White Sox today while their rivals play single games, making all sorts of situations possible. Chicago has downed Detroit in 13 out of 20 games previously this year.

The Yankees' chances for another championship still are remote, because they would have to win all their remaining games and Detroit would have to lose two in order to get as much as a tie. Yet the Yanks make their true believers feel they have a chance because they just won't quit fighting.

Cleveland was curbed by the 6-hit hurling of Elden Auker and would have been shut out except for a couple of errors by Shortstop Johnny Berardino of the Browns. St. Louis raked three Cleveland hurlers for 14 hits.

Boxer, A's on Slugging Spree.

The day's big hitting show, however, was at Philadelphia in the first game of a double-header, in which the Boston Red Sox beat the A's, 16-8. Boston made 23 hits, including six home runs, and the A's 15. Ted Williams and Manager Joe Cronin each hit two homers and Jimmie Fox, one, the 500th of his major league career. In the sixth inning Williams, Fox and Cronin hit for the circuit in succession to tie the big league record.

In the second game Boston's Jack Wilson beat Bill Beckman, 4-3, in a hurling duel with 6-hit ball and the help of a 3-run rally in the eighth.

The game escaped the rain was at Brooklyn, where the Dodgers nosed out the New York Giants, 5-4, to clinch second place in the National League. Brooklyn lumped five runs into the fifth inning and withstood a 4-run rebuttal in the eighth.

Gridders Seeking Tune-up

Brooklyn Boys' Club 150-pound football team would like a scrimmage session Sunday with a club in its class. Contact Charlie at Dupont 2587 after 6 p.m.

Major League Statistics

Table with 4 columns: AMERICAN, NATIONAL, Results Yesterday, STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

WHEELING AWAY THE WEE SMA' HOURS!

—By JIM BERRYMAN



Strangely Assorted Quartet Gives Bengals Infield Edge Over Indians and Reds

By GAYLE TALBOT, Associated Press Sports Writer.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—The Detroit Tigers' infield is the oldest in the big leagues, a patchwork outfit that had the experts shaking their heads lately last spring.

Yet this strangely assorted quartet has proved the bulk of the Tigers in their sensational drive for the American League flag, and it must be regarded as a better World Series infield than that boasted either by Cleveland or by the Cincinnati Reds of the National League.

On first is Rudy York, slightly awkward afield but a powerhouse at bat; next to Hank Greenberg and Joe M. Magglio probably the most dangerous hitter in the game with men on base. At second is Charley Gehringer.

who for a long string of years was baseball's greatest keystone. At 37 he still is whizzing the ball at 315, and though he has slowed down a little he still fields beautifully and teams with Dick Bartell, the Tigers' 33-year-old chatterbox shortstop, in an effective double-play combination. Thirty-one-year-old Pinky Higgins isn't quite the third baseman he used to be, either. His legs bother him off and on, and he has dropped out of the 300 class. Yet he also has the solid years of experience behind him and should prove steady in any World Series crisis.

York's power, of course, is what swings the pendulum toward the Tiger infield, for both Cleveland and Cincinnati have far better than average combinations. Cincinnati even has a better all-around first baseman than York in big Frank McCormick. Cleveland, for its part, has baseball's finest shortstop-second base duo in Lou Boudreau and Ray Mack.

Outside of McCormick, who, incidentally, batted 400 against the Yankees in the '39 series, Cincinnati's best infielder is Bill Werber at third base, a slick fielder and a useful 275 hitter.

Myers, Frey Only Average. Billy Myers at short and Lonnie Frey at second are average fielders and make their double plays to support the club's gut-edge pitching. Frey went to bat 17 times in the last World Series without getting a hit, while Myers has had a miserable season at the plate, dropping to 215.

The two youngsters, Boudreau and Mack, came fresh out of the International League to transform a wobbly Cleveland infield into one of the game's tightest defenses. Not only that, but Boudreau has hit around 300 right along with First Baseman Hal Trosky, the team's home-run specialists, and some 50 points above Third Baseman Keltner.

Detroit has good insurance against one of its "old men" coming down with hardening of the arteries. Frank Croucher has proved he can fill in brilliantly at any spot except first. Cincinnati has a good utility man in Eddie Joost, while Cleveland possesses in Oscar Grimes an extra man who probably could play regularly on any other team in the country.

Lombardi Would Give Reds Bulge. If Ernie Lombardi's lame ankle mends completely, Cincinnati will have a big bulge over either Detroit or Cleveland in the catching department. Neither Detroit's Birdie Tebbetts or Cleveland's Rollie Hemley or Frankie Pytlak is quite in the same class with old "Schnozzola" as a slugger.

Shaking off what must have been a burning memory of the '39 Series, when the Yankees knocked him down and then used his huge body as a slide, Lombardi came back this season to pound the ball at around 320 and to lead his club in batting. On a hunch, he is likely to make the American League regret the indignities it heaped on him when he lumbers to the plate in the coming Series.

Two Capital Gridders To Oppose G. W. for Mount St. Mary's

Ellis and Hunt, Rivals At Gonzaga, St. John's, Will Start Friday

Rivals during their prep school careers, a couple of former District schoolboys will work together toward George Washington's downfall Friday night when Mount St. Mary's invades Griffith Stadium to help the Colonials launch their 1940 campaign.

Jim Ellis, who will be seen at a guard position, was a blocking back in Gonzaga High's backfield under Orrel Mitchell three years ago, while Marty Hunt was an end under Gene Augusterfer at St. John's.

Ellis, a junior at the "Mount," was named on the mythical District all-prep eleven in '38 and, although best known for his blocking ability, teamed with Jim Shaw, no relation, incidentally, as a ball carrier on numerous occasions. It was their work that was primarily responsible for the defeat of Central, a loss which virtually blasted the Blue's hopes for undisputed city championship honors that year.

Ellis was chosen on the all-star eleven which bowed to the Monroe (Ga.) Aggies in a post-season game and was picked on several other honorary combinations.

Hunt's pass-snagging ability has made him an important figure in Coach Jim Draper's offensive plans and he'll be watching Friday night. A basket ball star at St. John's, he has put on considerable poundage since matriculating at the Emmitsburg school and although only a sophomore is rapidly winning his spurs on the gridiron.

Draper, by the way, also is a home town product, having graduated from Western before going to Western Maryland, where he learned his football under the expert tutelage of Dick Harlow, now coach at Harvard.

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